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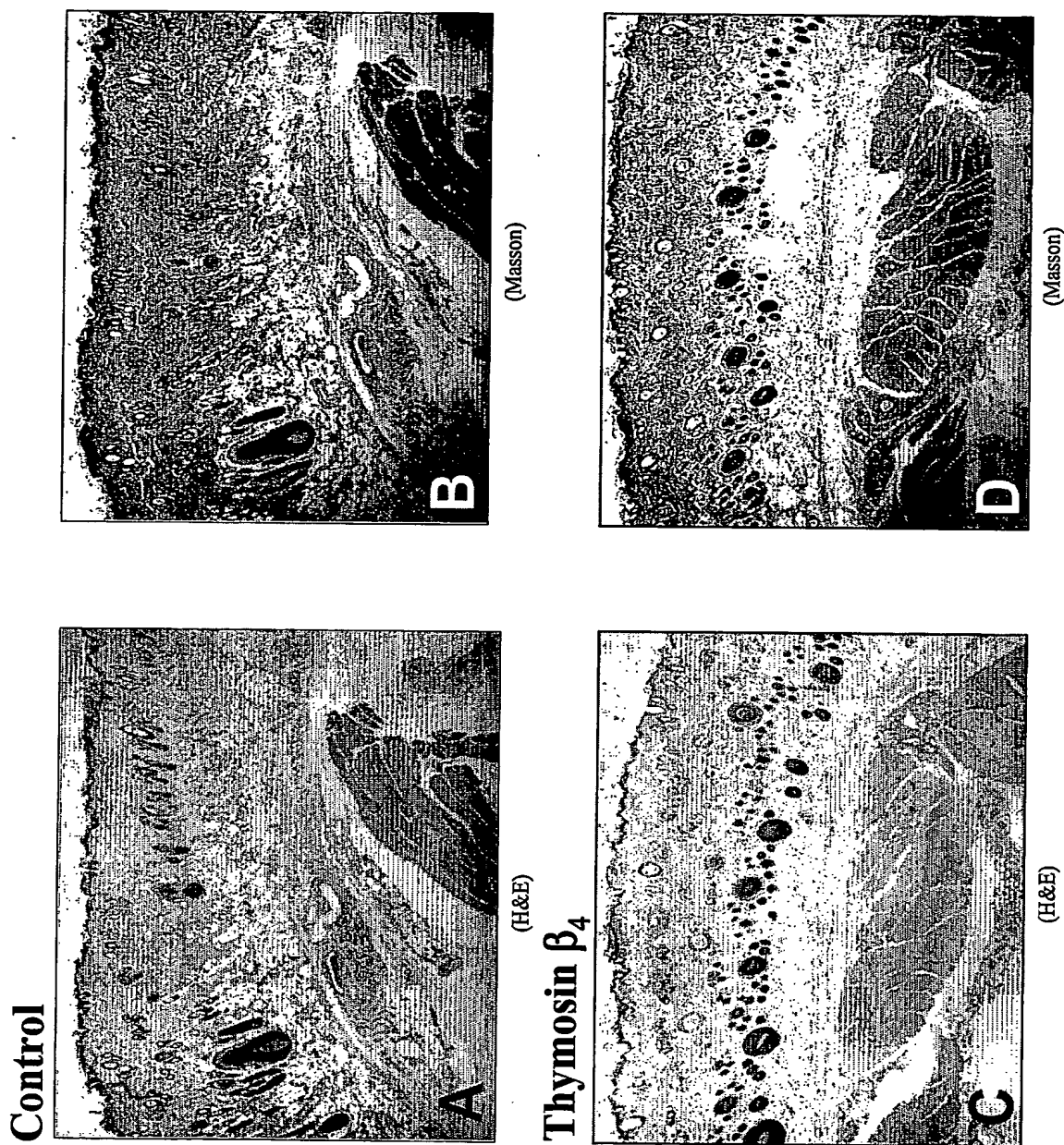


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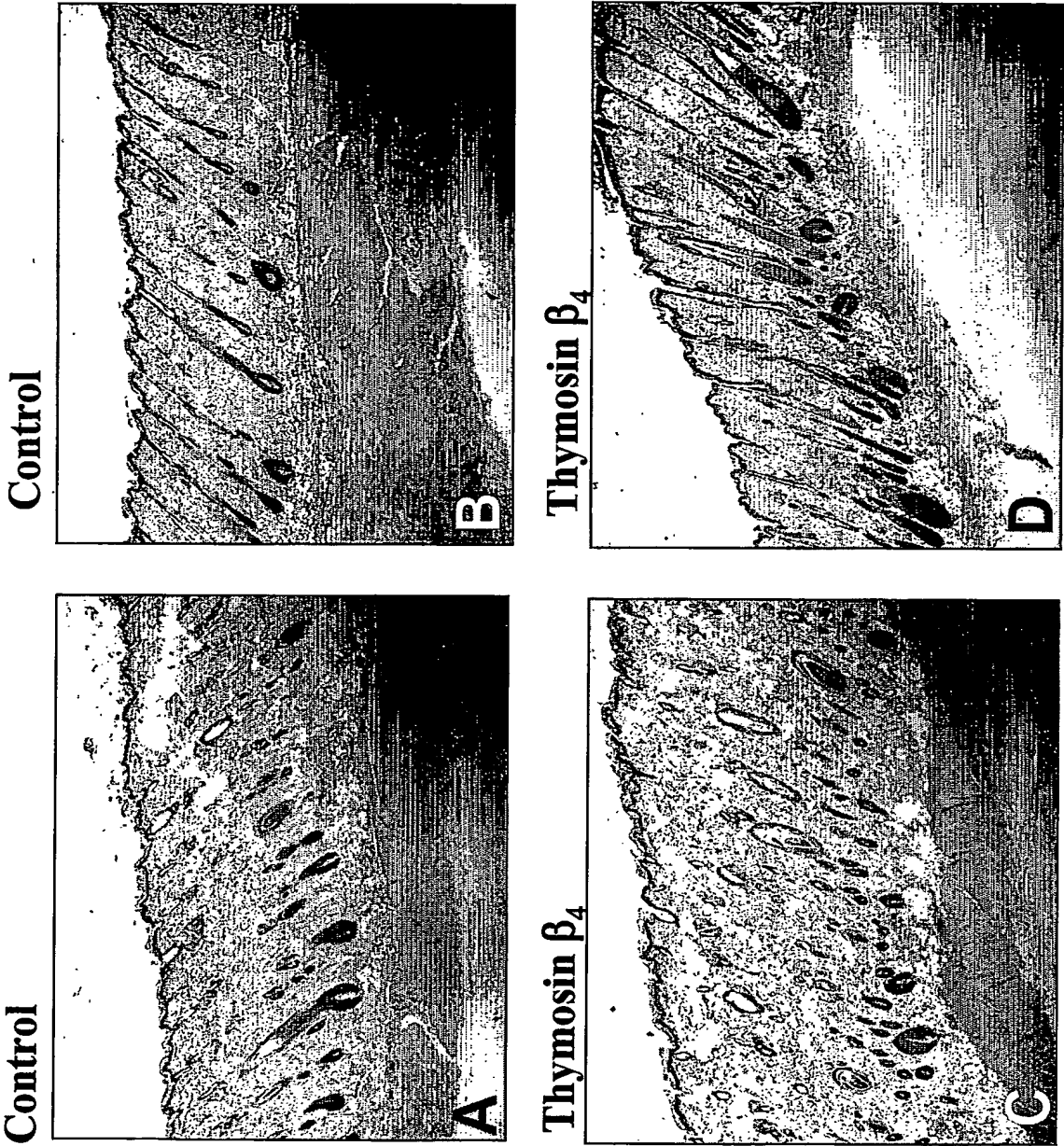


FIG. 3

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Untreated skin



Thymosin β_4 -treated skin



FIG. 4

Hydrogel Control

Thymosin β_4



FIG. 5

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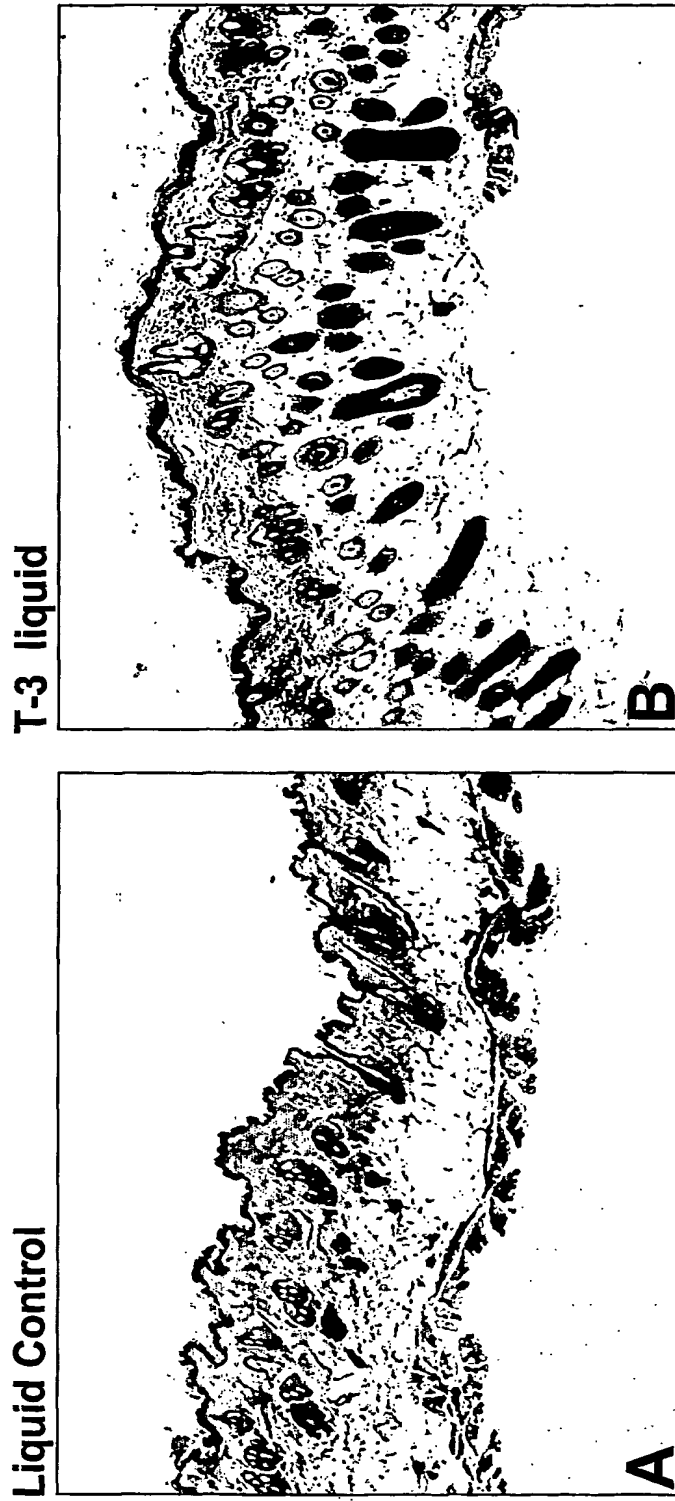


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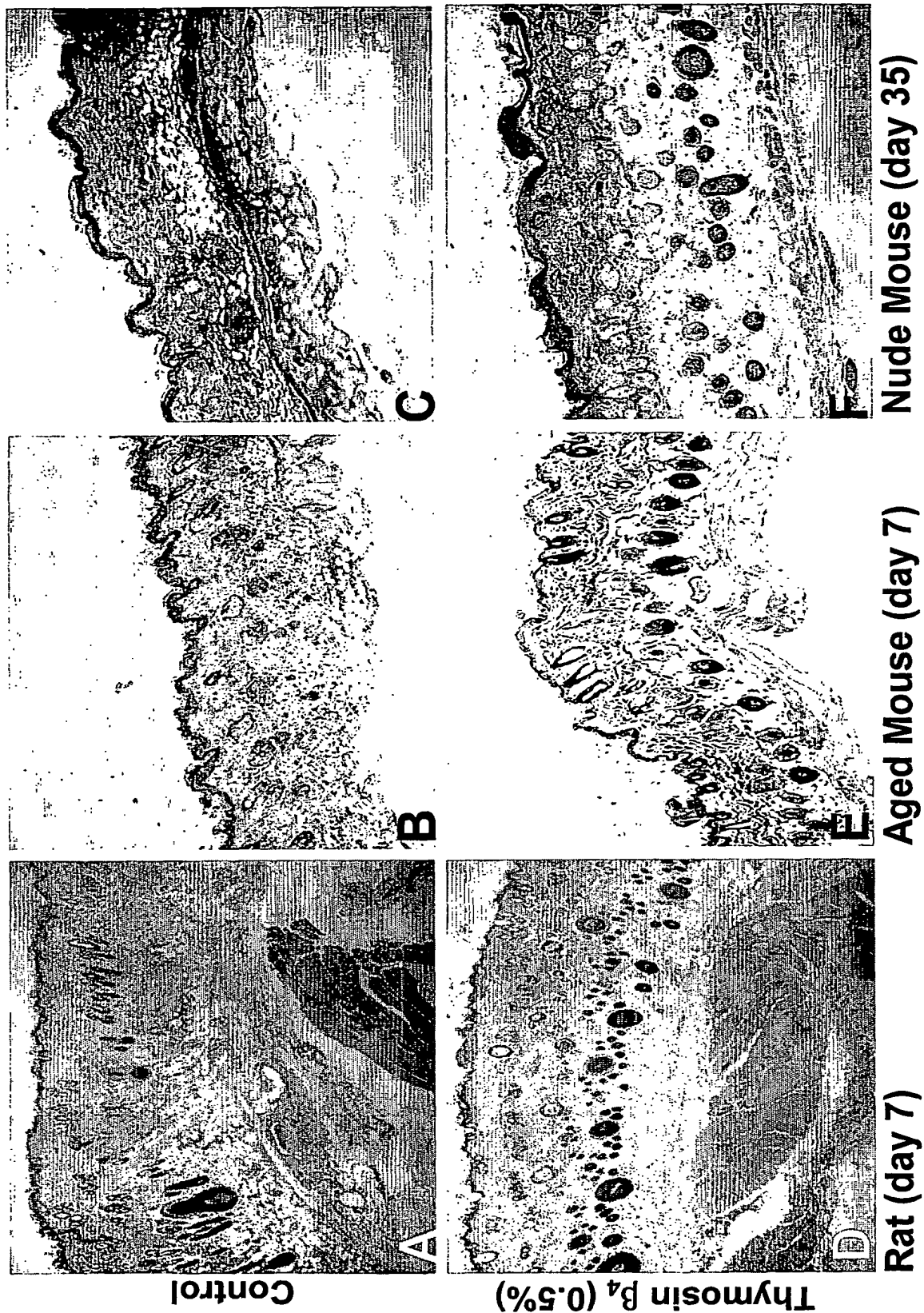


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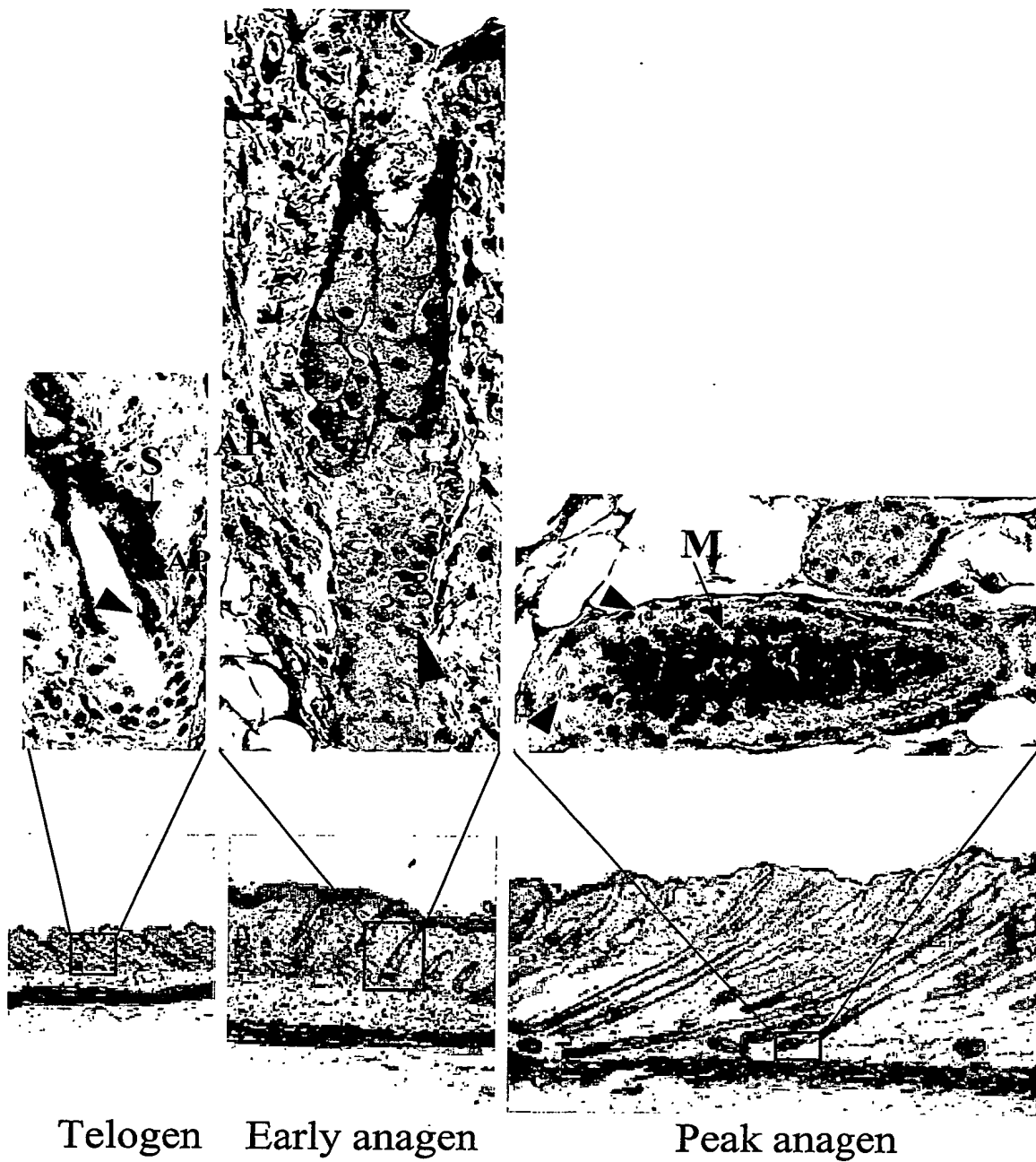
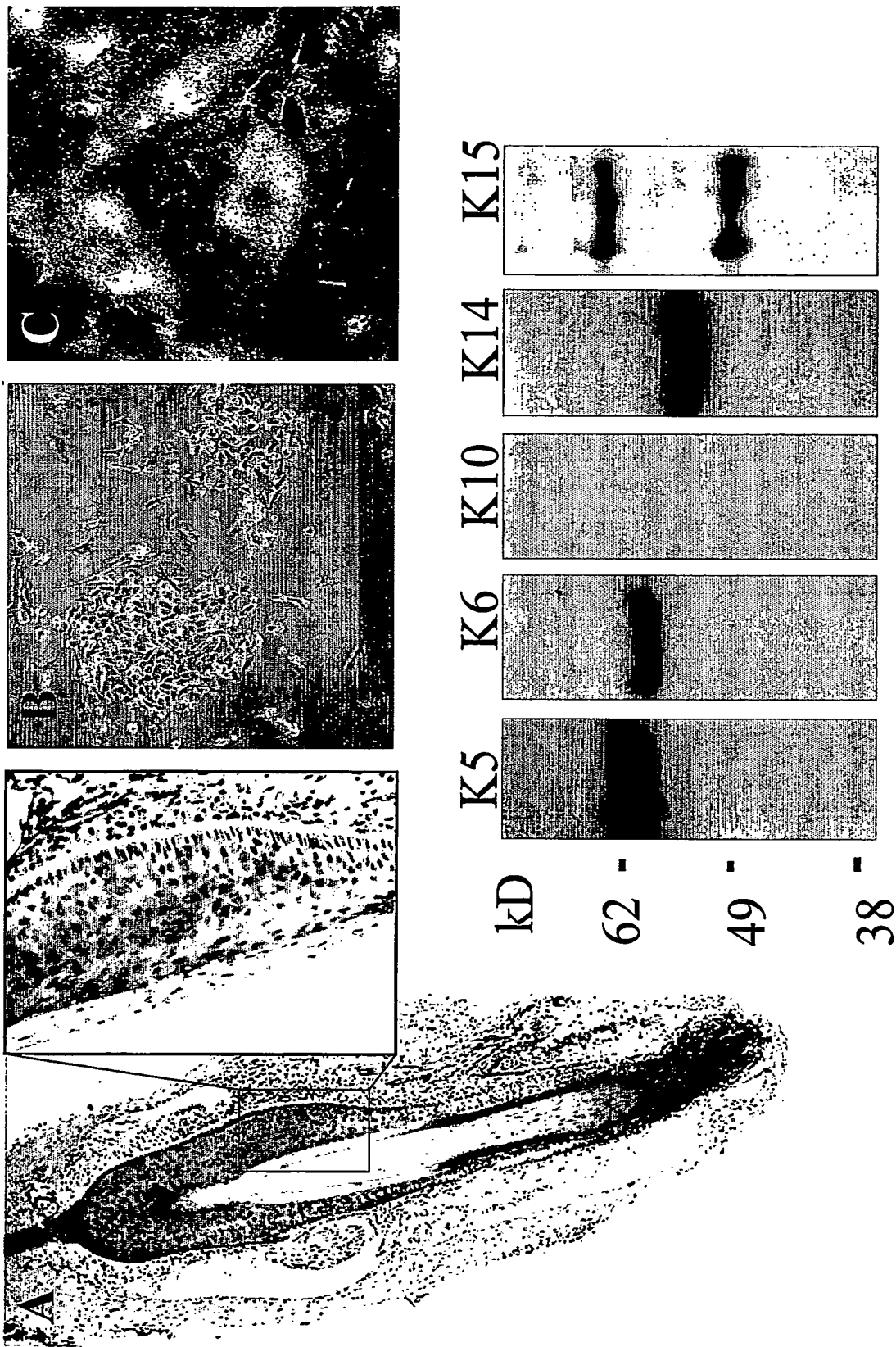


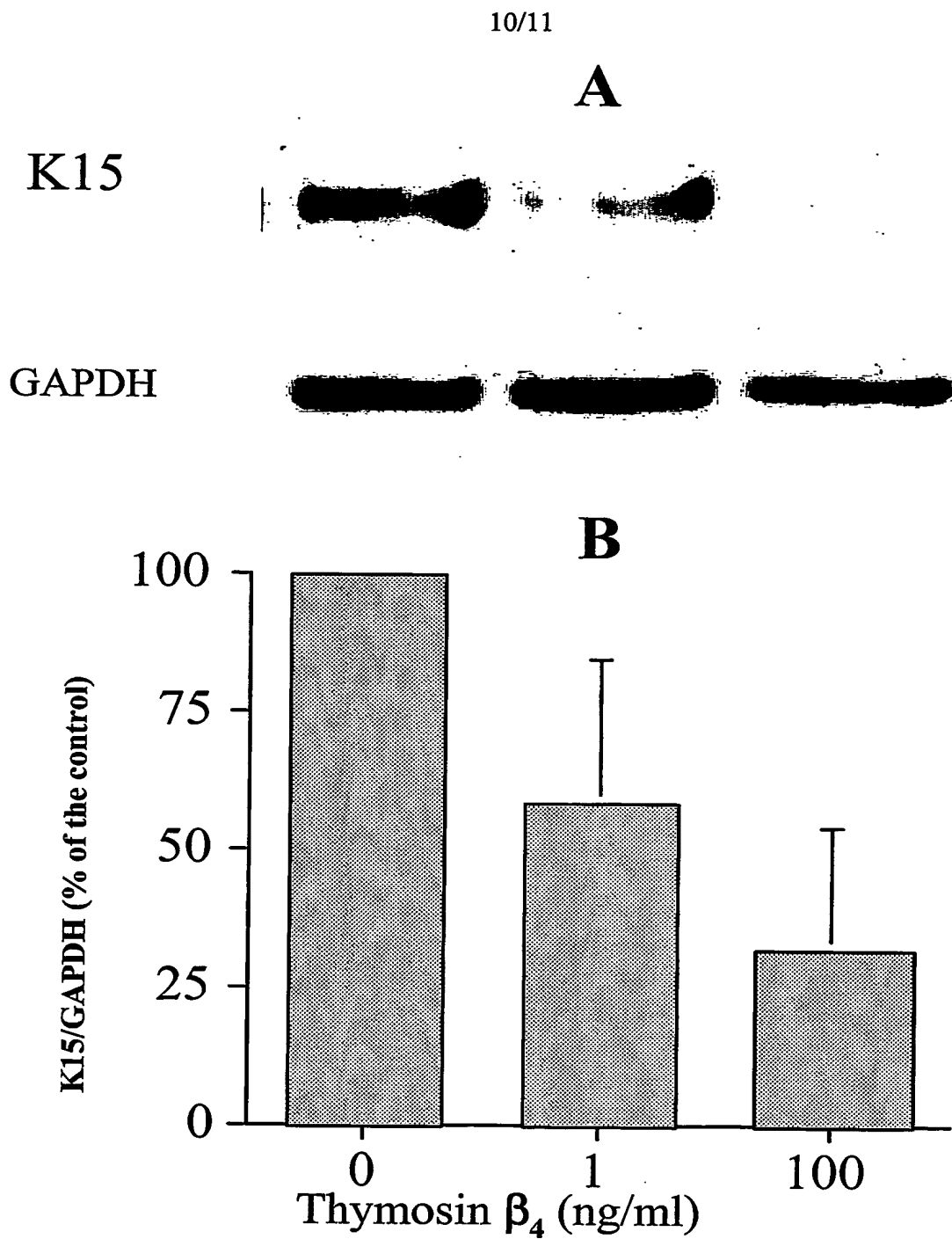
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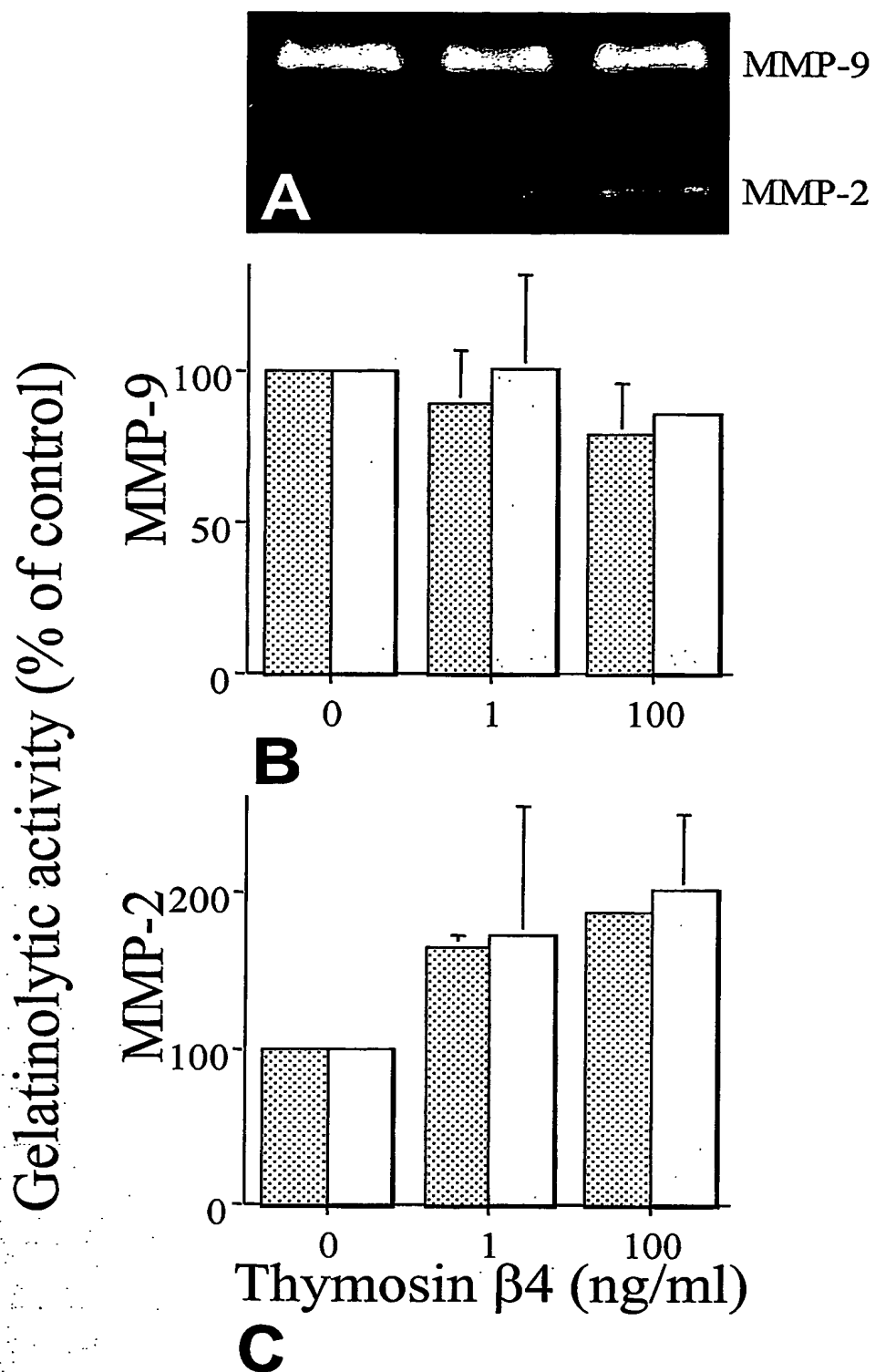


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FIG. 9

**FIG. 10**

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**FIG. 11**